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1. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER SOMARE AND DEFENCE MINISTER MONA TOLD THE PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 10 THAT GPNG WOULD RESPECT INDONESIA'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST IRIAN. THEY ALSO SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PLACE IN PNG FOR THE IRIANS WHO CROSSED THE BORDER HOPING TO REMAIN. TERRORIST THREATS NOTWITHSTANDING, THE GOVERNMENT LINE WAS CLEARLY STATED AND NOT SYMPATHETIC IN ANY WAY TO IRIAN JAYA DISSIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. BOTH PRIME MINISTER SOMARE AND DEFENCE MINISTER MONA SPOKE TO THE IRIAN JAYA PROBLEM DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD IN PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 10. ASKED BY AN OPPOSITION MP WHY PNG "IS THROWING UNCLASSIFIED

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IRIAN JAYA TO THE LIONS", SOMARE REMINDED THE MEMBERS THAT THE BORDER WAS SETTLED IN 1884 AND INDONESIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER WEST IRIAN WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SOME YEARS AGO. THUS, THE QUESTION IS AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR INDONESIA.

3. OPPOSITION LEADER TEI ABAL PURSUED THE THEME, SUPPORTING THE

POLICY LINE OF THE PM BUT ASKED IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH INDONESIA THE SAFETY OF REFUGEES SENT BACK TO IRIAN JAYA OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO SEEK INDONESIAN AGREEMENT TO LETTING THE REFUGEES REMAIN IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. SOMARE REPLIED THAT PNG HAD ENOUGH PROBLEMS LOOKING AFTER THE WELFARE OF ITS OWN PEOPLE. "I THINK WE HAVE TO CONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY WHAT WE HAVE TO DO WITH THEM (IRIANESE REFUGEES), EITHER SEND THEM BACK OVER THERE OR SEND THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE, OR A REFUGEE CAMP IN GENEVA, BUT NOT IN APAPUA NEW GUINEA". THE PM ADDED THAT IF PARLIAMENT AND THE PEOPLE WANT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MATTER, HE WAS SURE IT COLD BE ARRANGED, MAKING IT CLEAR HOWEVER, THAT INDONESIA IS A SOVEREIGN STATE.

4. FINALLY, DEFENCE MINISTER MONA, ADDRESSING SECURITY MATTERS GENERALLY, TOLD THE PARLIAMENT, "RECENTLY, GOVERNMENT POLICY HAS BEEN TO TAKE A TOUGHER LINE WITH ALL BORDER CROSSERS. PEOPLE WHO ENTER PAPUA NEW GUINEA ILLEGALLY CAN NOW EXPECT TO BE ARRESTED, AND MAY BE PUT IN JAIL OR HANDED OVER TO INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES".

5. COMMENT: TERRORIST THREATS (REFTEL) NOTWITHSTANDING, THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CLEARER-OR LESS COMFORTING TO PRAI AND THE OPM.  
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